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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN
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: EXAMINER:

FOR: BENDING APPARATUS FOR
GLASS SHEET AND METHOD OF
BENDING GLASS SHEET

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The bending apparatus for at least one glass sheet according to Claim
1, wherein the second group of heating elements are suspended from a ceiling inner wall of
the heating furnace at a position opposed to the upper surface of the glass sheet.

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4. (Amended) The bending apparatus for at least one glass sheet according to Claim
1, wherein a distance between the second group of heating elements and the inner wall
surface of the heating furnace is variable.